GOOD STORIES FOR CHILDREN-By Walt McDougall



The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe and Her Children Have a Thrilling Adventure



PLAY-TIME AT THE SHOE-HOMESTEAD ON POSSUM HILL

They Are Saved From the Angry Giant Whose Footwear They Occupied Only By Rescuing His Mother From a Great Sea Serpent

Annabelle Clarice. Orlando. Kathryn Marie Antoinette Hortense Edgar Murillo, Hildegarde Auguste Clarence Reginald Maurice Elaine Muriel.

Dorothy Eleanor Francesca Gladys Lucine Her-

no more, for Mrs. Smith was finding it very troublesome to think of names for

The shoe in which they lived had been dropped there twenty years before Mrs. Smith discovered it, by the giant Finnegan, when he was wading around in the sea, and he had never yet known that he had lost it, nor did the Smith family y top of the hill and not another dwelling place was in sight anywhere.

Her Wonderful Home

Big trees shaded it and the woods came very close to it on one side, while the land fell away from the front door down wide expanse of green meadow, beyond which a broad strip of white sea beach dropped into the blue ocean. In the woods was a big pond where the boys fished in summer and skated in winter.

All sorts of flowers grew about, as well as many kinds of fruit and berries, to be had for the trouble of picking, while thousands of birds filled the woods and fields with melody during the long summer. In the winter they had all sorts of games with which to amuse themselves, while the deep snow drifted almost to the top of the shoe. They did not go to school, as it would have needed a whole

me broth without any bread, it morsel of crust, which he did so man was never seen on resource.

Mr. Ant-lion's performance that hastily that he really hardly tasted it, anywhere ise.

Antoinette came around the corner of the she had tried to ascertain who was really went sound asleep. When he awoke it she had tried to ascertain who was really went sound asleep. When he awoke it

the circle, intact, except where Tatters glant.

stance was so peculiar, and as he was as When he had finished John said that he burned for four hours. When much interested in spiders as in anything had surely dreamed it all and yet even he was completely else, he sat him down in the tall grass, was staggered when Wilbur showed him made a ring and danced joyfully around just outside to watch and discover, if pos- the piece of fairy dress. Sam and Robbie the ashes, and then they called Mrs. Fin. just outside to watch and discover, if possible, just why the spiders made this circular web, and what they caught in it. Tatters' barks came fainter and fainter across the meadow, until they died away.

The piece of fairy dress. Sam and Robbie the ashes, and then they cannot he piece of fairy dress. Sam and Robbie the ashes, and then they cannot he giant's little mother, to contout out.

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He watched for a long time, so long that and see if there is a sea serpent hanging had in her cave before. This was not return, and just as he was growing itred and beginning to think of his bed he heard a tiny voice right beside him say.

"A very good idea," said John. "Peter he wanted her to be at their ho rest of you stay here and don't tell mother giant would be kind to them and his shoe.

grass he saw two little figures attired in the Sea Serpent resting close to the rock, shimmering garments, upon whose tiny and then they made out his body, of wings the moonbeams flickered as if they greenish-gray, stretching almost to the were covered with diamonds. They were water's edge, fold after fold, a hideous no taller than your finger, but the air thing, and big enough to devour every

less, we must take chances.

"But I did want a dance so bad," said the other. "And now it's all spolled."

"Oh, no," said the first fairy, for that's what they really were. "The others will soon return. They all got away, for I held the dog after me all the time, so that they might escape. We can have a nice where he can get it. Do you suppose that they might escape. We can have a nice where he can get it. Do you suppose that they might escape. We can have a nice where he can get it. Do you suppose that they might escape. We can have a nice where he can get it. Do you suppose that all the boys and girls could go to college, and that's where they are now. "We might give him all the dogs and that's where they are now. WALT McDOUGALL.

formed of cobwebs, completely around the first thing, he thought of was the when the grass had all burned away they

a fairy ring, had never noticed one with what he had seen and heard, and, of never see another bonfire like this, if we a cobweb fence around it, nor had he ever course, all the girls had to come, too, and live for a hundred years!"

The horrible old Sea Serp

ling of the grass and the monotonous mu- certain. Let two or three of us steal home he would find her starve down as near to the big rock as we dare The children asked her to

heard a tiny voice right beside him saying:

"Gracious! but I am giad you're back
again, Mumpets! I had begun to think
that horrid dog had caught you."

"He very nearly had me, to tell the
truth, It was all I could do to dodge the
rascal," answered another silvery voice,
and as Wilbur peered through the tall
grass he saw two little figures attired in

was now so still and the night so calm one of the Smiths almost at one gulp.
and silent that their words came to him They hastened home, and in awe-struck as distinctly as if uttered by people of or- accents told what they had seen. All were as distinctly as it uttered by people of or accents told what they had seen. All were dinary stature.

"Well, I got rid of him at last," continhome, and perhaps destroy them as well, used the voice. "I steered him toward Mr. and a serpent near-by who only needed to discover them to get after them in a jiffy, be sitting in front, so the dog went for as the fairy had said.

"It's funny, isn't it." said the other. The Sea Serpent's Terrible Death

"Well, if we will come out into the light said John, "and then he'd surely come for of the full moon when our wings are use. I think we had better tell mother and move away from here.'

prolonged discussion, for each wished to LAD OF FOUR.

notice when or where he dropped that only discover where mother hides the one. Now, he's finished his wading in the matches we will go and set fire to the

ramp years, and it was there that I was acquainfined with her and her children acquainfined with her and her children firther were exactly thirty of themifteen girls and fifteen boys, and these
were their names:

GIRLS.

BOYS.

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Jane.

John.

Margaret,

William.

Margaret,

William.

Margaret,

Margaret,

Hormanh.

Peter.

Hormanh.

Peter.

All of the children hailed this idea as he was about.

"Ge," said little Edgar Murillo, "how atter Mrs. Smith was sound asleep and fifteen were far away in the south may be position; friends pronounced will all of the children were far away in the south was of the children were far away in the south was sound asleep and the children were far away in the south was sound asleep and the children were far away in the south was sound asleep and the children were far away in the south was sound asleep and the children were far away in the south was sound asleep and the children were far away in the sound hastened to hunt was for she must feel! Much more than us, sall of the children hailed this idea as what a focuses of the children hailed this idea as what a focuses of the children hailed this idea as what all of the children were far away in the sall of the children were far away in the sall of the children were far away in the south was of the children hailed this idea as the wall of the children were far away in the sall of the children were far away in the sall of the children hailed this idea il title mother lives case.

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A MARVEL AT SPELLING WORDS

STROLOGERS have repeatedly told his mother that he first

years of age Norman Dexter Weeden reads from books, newspapers and periodicals and apparently comprehends the meaning of the words which fall with such ease from his lisping tongue

He recites portions of classics as though he were four and twenty instead of four. In appearance Norman does not differ from other children of his years excent that when reading or speaking his face wears a serious expression. Norman not only reads, but has little

difficulty in spelling words at which many grown and well educated persons would hesitate. Asked where he learned to spell the words Norman will tell you that he never learned, that the sound of the words when pronounced suggests the combination of letters to his mind. Within the past fortnight he was vis-ited by a reporter for this newspaper and

the little fellow answered the summons at the door. He showed the writer and his medical friend, Dr. John M. Kane, into the parlor of the Weeden home and then summoned his mother, to whom the purpose of the visit was made known Mrs. Weeden, a bright English woman, deprecated any attempt to bring her baby to the attention of the public. hough the maternal pride eventually gained supremacy and she reluctantly per-mitted tests to be made of his capabili-

At first the questioners confined them-selves to general topics in which a child of Norman's years would be interested. fellow playmates and the various memthe moment the subject of conversation serious expression which distinguished hfm from other children came ever his face, and when he was asked if he liked to read and spell he readily answered in the affirmative.

A number of words were selected at

Homewood WHILE THE MENT WHILE

THE SEA SERPENT LAY IN WAIT FOR MRS. FINNEGAN

He took a much larger piece than the stove, and fixed a few more things, she mering water, all tempted Wilbur to leave you some news. Did you know that she is high up on the wall. They all praised lit- and on from a newspaper at hand, and others, for he knew that they would be found that it was fully 9 o'clock, and she his bed and go forth. He slipped into his penned up in her little cave by the Sea the Gladys and she was very proud, in they were spelled with ease, the little fel-blamed more than he, which was rather went to bed. The children had long be-clothes and softly stole out. He had gone Serpent?" while the deep some defired giment to the book of life to thought the continue of the control of blamed more than he, which was rather went to bed. The children had long be-clothes and softly stole out. He had gone Serpent?" mean, as he was a little older than either fore said their prayers and tumbled in but a few steps from the doorsteps when "Dear n

starting the great crusade. Then they course that he was called upon to spell